

REMARKS

Claims 17-20 remain pending in the present application. Claims 1-16 have been cancelled. Claims 17 and 18 have been amended. Claims 19 and 20 are new. Basis for the amendments and new claims can be found throughout the specification, claims and drawings originally filed.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gligoric (U.S. Pat. No. 6,751,316) in view of Lin (U.S. Pat. No. 6,597,786). Claims 17 and 18 have been amended to define a single switch connected between the microphone amplifier and the first microphone. When the single switch is on, a first biasing current flows to the first microphone. When the single switch is off, a second biasing current flows to the second microphone.

As stated by the Examiner, Gligoric does not disclose a switch. Lin, which is used by the Examiner to provide the switch, discloses two switches E and F and thus fails to disclose a single switch as is now defined in amended Claims 17 and 18.

Thus, Applicant believes Claims 17 and 18, as amended, patentably distinguishes over the art of record. Claims 1-16 have been cancelled. Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

NEW CLAIMS

New Claims 19 and 20 are similar to dependent claims which define the biasing circuit as being connected directly to the second microphone.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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